


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Norman C. Witbeck, applicant in the above-entitled application, declares that he has reviewed the specification and claims and each of the amendatory papers filed in said application and that the subject matter of said amendatory papers filed in said application, including the papers filed on his behalf on or about the dates listed below, were part of his invention, was invented before he filed his original application, above-identified, for such invention; that he did not know and does not believe that the same was ever known or used before his invention thereof, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate, or described in any printed publication in any country before his invention thereof, or more than one year before his application or in public use or on sale in the United States for more than one year before the date of his application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country before the date of his application on any application filed by him or his legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to his application in the United States, and has not been abandoned.

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